

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 17, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*EXCHANGING CHRIST'S PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBOR

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As darkness gives way to light  
and winter sleep to this day's fresh beginnings,

**All: We've shown up here to be reminded of God's love for us and everybody else.**

One: Just like the sap in maple trees beginning to stir,

**All: We welcome the stirring of God's claim on our lives.**

One: So as we step deeper into this watchful season of Lent,

**All: We affirm who we belong to, and we claim our security as children of God.**

\*HYMN

"You Call Us, Lord, to Worship"

(see below)

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN "Jesus Loves Me" (sung processional)

***Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.***

*(sung recessional)*

***Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children n his knee, saying, Let them come to Me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: O God of all, we read in the Gospel today how you seek us out like hen seeks out her chicks;  
that you offer us the protection and safety of your strong wings. Help us have the presence,  
O God, to listen for your call; to pause and allow you to speak into us; to wait and have your  
warmth and your wisdom meet us where we are:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

One: Father and Mother of us all, you have given us many images of what you are like through the  
law and the prophets and the ministry of Christ. You have been compared to a rock which

cannot be moved, to a mother suckling her child, to a wind which cannot be controlled, to a woman seeking out her lost coin, to a king who invites everyone to his wedding feast. And in each of these images we learn more about you. So grant us, O Lord, a personal image of your presence—an image which will sustain us we seek to love you and our neighbors with all our hearts:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

One: Loving God, we stop here today to think not only of ourselves and our needs. We pause not just to have our cups filled by your love, we stop as well on behalf of others. We hold before you those whose cups are filled with bitterness and anger and despair and poverty. We name them before you and ask that you show your Church how to give them new hearts—hearts that are filled with healing and provision and joy.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(a time of silence as the liturgist lifts up prayer concerns for our community and world)*

**All: Lord, hear our prayer, as we are bold to speak out the ancient prayer Jesus taught all followers to say ....**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Our Lord Endured the Cross"

Lloyd Larson

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, oh my soul. Love, such love that thou didst die, for me. Lord of grace, what matchless love, oh my soul. Son of God, thou loving sacrifice for me. Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful man, guilty and condemned, thy death is surely mine. Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet love it bids me stay, oh my soul. Can it be the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to thee? Lamb of God, thou died for me. Lamb of God, what wondrous love.

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 13: 31-34 (NT p. 77)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

*Walking The Way of Jesus*

SERMON

"The Way Around"

CREED

"This We Believe"

(see below)

**GIVING OUR GIFTS OF COMMITMENT AND TREASURE**

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 140

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN                      "O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day"                      (see below)

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION              "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"              arr. Diane Clark

\*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

### **You Call Us, Lord, to Worship"**

*(Sung to the tune: "The Day of Resurrection")*

You call us, Lord, to worship; the day is set aside.  
Your love is overflowing; the doors are opened wide.  
Yet as we see your goodness, we see what we have been.  
And so we humbly ask you, "Forgive us of our sin!"

We are forgiven people; we know your love's embrace.  
The peace of Christ is with us; forgiveness fills this place.  
We hear your word in scripture, in sermon and in song.  
Again, again, you tell us: we're loved and we belong.

We share our joys and sorrows and then we offer prayer  
For people who are hurting, for nations everywhere.  
We bring our tithes and offerings, returning what is yours,  
For what we keep may vanish, but what we give endures.

We celebrate your love, Lord, with water, wine and bread.  
For at your font we're welcomed and at your feast we're fed.  
We pray the prayer you taught us; we sing your praise and then  
Through daily, faithful living, we worship you again.

### **"O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day"**

*(Sung to the tune: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")*

O God our Creator, you work every day:  
A potter, you form us — your people — like clay.  
A shepherd, you guide us and seek out the lost.  
A parent, you love us, not counting the cost.

Christ Jesus, how rough were your hard-working hands!  
You labored among us; our God understands!  
Bless workers who struggle, their families to feed;  
Bless those who face hardship, oppression, or greed.

Lord, some live among us who need constant care,  
Whose work is to make us more humbly aware.  
They teach us the best of your lessons, by far:  
It's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!

We're baptized! Your Spirit gives new work to do,  
That we, through our serving, may glorify you.  
Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth  
As you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

## **CREED                                    "This We Believe"**

One: We believe in an innovative God,  
who does not wait for us to find ourselves  
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

**Men: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,  
that when he calls us to follow,  
Christ also gives us the power  
to become, both in creed and deed,  
the children of the living God.**

**Women: We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,  
calling us to follow him into an obedience  
which is often courageous and risky and vulnerable,  
and to acts of serving others  
as the fruit of our friendship with God.**

**ALL: We believe in the church as the imperfect-yet-beloved  
fellowship of Christ's people, called to reflect hope  
toward one another through all our joys and tribulations,  
and as we seek to make disciples for the transformation  
of the world.  
Because Christ shows us a love both courageous  
and vulnerable, we are free to love others with this same power. May we be  
so free today and in coming days. Amen. (Adapted from Bruce Prewer)**